## **Deliberative Process**

## **Interview Summary**

<u>Person(s) interviewed:</u> Mathy Stanislaus, Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response; Barry Breen, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response; Nitin Natarajan, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response.

**Interviewers:** Mary-Kay Lynch and Susan Studlien

Date: November 19, 2015

**Time:** 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Mathy Stanislaus, Barry Breen and Nitin Natarajan were interviewed on November 19, 2015, as part of an internal EPA After-Action review of the Agency's response to the release at Gold King Mine in Colorado on August 5, 2015. In their roles, they oversaw and gave direction to the response effort.

## **Synopsis of Interview:**

## **General observations and recommendations:**

This response was poorly implemented from the outset. Headquarters only learned of the August 5 (b) (5) DPP

